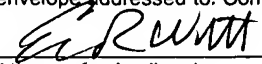


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Applicants: Horst Noglik et al.)
Serial No.: 10/647,905)
Filed: August 25, 2003)
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PHYSICAL PROPERTIES AND ITS USE IN)
DIRECT EXPOSURE PRINTING PLATES)

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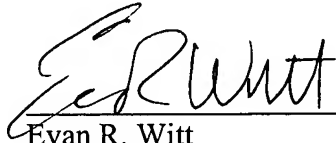
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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To eliminate scumming by a method wherein a hydrophilic binder polymer is three-dimensionally crosslinked by utilizing interaction between a polyvalent metal ion and a Lewis base part contg. nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur existing in the hydrophilic binder polymer and a thin film layer of a hydrophilic polymer is provided on the surface of a hydrophilic layer.

SOLUTION: A heat-sensitive lithographic printing raw plate has a hydrophilic layer contg. a microcapsule lipophilic ingredient which is transformed to an image

part by heat and a hydrophilic binder polymer and a substrate. In addition, the hydrophilic binder polymer is three-dimensionally crosslinked by interaction between a polyvalent metal ion and a Lewis base part contg. nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur existing in the hydrophilic binder polymer. In addition, a thin film of a hydrophilic polymer is provided on the surface of the hydrophilic layer. Therefore, substances for cause of stain coming from the outside are suppressed. It is possible thereby to obtain a lithographic printing plate with high printability and high dimensional accuracy and to obtain a lithographic printing raw plate which provides a printed matter with no scumming and with clear image.

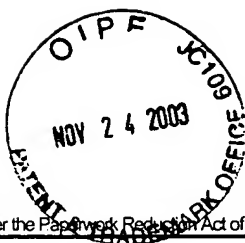
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